

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

DISTANT—A man of mystery is Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy of the N. C. Supreme Court, who has been appointed by President Harry S. Truman to preside over the labor-management conference to be held in Washington.

Chief Justice Stacy is a man Raleigh folks can't fathom, for he stays strictly to himself and carries on small talk with nobody—though he speaks or nods solemnly to almost everybody he meets.

He walks with stately tread and carries a cane in a dignified masterly way, though he apparently uses it very little. Just to look at this man, who could pass for 55 or 75, with his stocky build, his steel blue, slightly quizzical eyes, and his general judicial appearance and manner, is enough to make anyone say, "Well, there goes the Law of the Land, Brother."

WORKINGS—It's very interesting to watch the workings of the mind of that man who is now in the White House. North Carolinians have wanted Judge John J. Parker and Chief Justice Stacy on the U. S. Supreme Court for a long time. We thought there was a chance to get at least one of them on three-four months back, but we failed again. However, President Truman did appoint Judge Parker to head the U. S. judicial staff in Europe and now he names Stacy to the labor-management post.

DAILIES—Two North Carolina papers are planning to go daily pretty soon now. One is the Lexington Dispatch and the other is the Elizabeth City Independent, which at one time was run (and made famous by backhouse editions) by the late W. O. Saunders.

\$100 RECIPE—One of Mrs. W. Kerr Scott's friends was in New York recently, and while there dined at the swanky Waldorf-Astoria. The cake which was served was so delicious that she asked the waiter for the recipe. The waiter told her the hotel could not give recipes.

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Sift dry ingredients alternately with milk. Add vanilla and nuts and bake in loaf pan 350 degrees 45 minutes. This is the icing (not cooked): half cup butter, two ounces chocolate, one egg, one and one-half cups powdered sugar, one pinch salt, one teaspoon vanilla, one teaspoon lemon juice, one cup of nuts. Melt butter and chocolate together. Add beaten egg, sugar, salt, vanilla, and lemon juice. Either mix nuts or sprinkle on top.

FLOOD—The farmers are still talking about the floods which hit North Carolina in mid-September, and Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott comes up with the latest story, and he vows it's true. Last Sunday morning before church he climbed a persimmon tree down near Haw River and gathered enough corn to feed six hogs.

IS THAT RIGHT?—It certainly is a small world. Major John Lang of Carthage would be surprised and a little embarrassed if he knew that some of the remarks he threw around so glibly while he was in the Italian theatre of war are now going the rounds in North Carolina. One of the favorite expressions of Major Lang after an introduction was, "You are now shaking the hand of the future Governor of North Carolina."

This little statement, which is being brought back by some of Major Lang's one-time underlings (privates and sergeants) who are now in civilian clothes, may arise to haunt a politically ambitious young man in years to come.

Yet—he may have something there.

AMBITIOUS—Appointment of Brig. Gen. Kenneth C. Royall of Goldsboro and Raleigh as under-secretary of War likely removes an ambitious candidate for Governor in 1948. While tearing across Ohio and Indiana on the Pennsylvania Limited a year ago, yours truly chanced to sit next to a colonel in the diner. The conversation drifted from one thing to another and then to Kenneth Royall, whom the fellow knew rather well. "Tell me," asked the colonel, "is Kenneth Royall going to be your next Governor in North Carolina?"

Not necessarily, he was told. "Well, he has been telling some of his friends in the Army around Washington that he has the inside track for Governor, and that the other men might as well get out of the race," said the colonel.

So it looks as if the Governor's place is a very popular position in this State—at least among Army officers.

BUDDY—He liked to chew tobacco and spit out of the corner of his mouth at Wake Forest in 1935—and he always needed a shave. But the boys liked him, but he didn't like school so much. Very, very little did he like school. He certainly did like baseball, though. He's just a kid, but he made more money in five months this year than any of his old professors can make in two years. Buddy Lewis, of Gastonia, who hit .333 and led the American League for Washington in this field, is the guy. Now he has begun selling Fords in Gastonia under Lewis Motors, Inc.

PAROLE—Two young men just out of the Army blushed a little and appeared nervous as they entered an office here last week. They had been doing a lot of fighting,

but just weren't used to calling on Governors.

Cherry put them at ease, and then they told him that their brother was in the penitentiary and they wanted to get him out to go into the restaurant business with them. The matter was carried to Patrols Commissioner Hathaway Cross, who hasn't been out of the Army so long himself, and he listened carefully to the appeal. The brother had served about four of

his seven-year term, and had made a good prisoner.

The case was studied thoroughly, and the brother was released, and three happy, freedom-loving brothers will next week begin a new business and new lives at their home in Tennessee.

WORD—Travelers to Washington bring back word that Frank Hancock of Oxford, head of Farm Security, may retire from this po-

sition to run for Governor next time. However, rumor persists that his resignation is now on file, and that he will get Jesse Jones' old job as Federal Loan Administrator. This is the big job which was taken from Wallace when he became Secretary of Commerce.

CANDY—Uncle Sam would take candy from the mouths of little children—or at least he did—and wisely so—last week with the an-

nouncement by Dr. Clyde Erwin, superintendent of Public Instruction, that soft drinks and candy would have to go in schools having Government lunch programs. Too many schools have made money off the children with candy and pop in the hall while preaching nutrition in the classroom. Now the next move is to keep the children from flocking across the street for these during the lunch hour.

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